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FARGO, N. DAK. Aug 27/31

Mr Howard K Terry

Dear Sir

At the time of the Lincoln Douglas Debate in Galesburg I was 9 years old - I saw Mr Lincoln and heard his voice then, but never after - Therefore I have nothing of value to add - I know no one now living who knew Lincoln,

Very truly Yours

G. W. Gale

THE PIERCE CO. FARGO

Gasson, S. L. L.-D. Debates, Carthage, Ill. Stanton, Iowa

Stanton Iowa

May 7- 1931

Dear Sir Your letter at hand

In regard to seeing Mr Lincoln yes
I did was this in Carthage Ill I
heard Abraham Lincoln and Mr Douglas
Debating on the slavery question I was
a was a little girl only thirteen years old
as near as I can remember Mr Lincoln wanted
the negros set free and Mr Douglas wanted them
free but in a country to them selves they were
very sociable to each other when through they went
locked arms to the hotel, that was a lively fall that
was the year of 1858 The Republicans were called
Wideawakes the Democrats called Hickorys Had a big
day in Carthage had a big float twenty ladies
dressed in white one was queen in big chair that
was my sister, They have a large stone or boulder
at the place in court yard the place where the
platform was for Lincolns monument each party
had a big time the fife and drums then torch
lights at night looked nice, This stone is in the south
east of the court house or yard I know of no one
in this country that has ever seen him Thanking you
for your congratulation I am 85 last November
my address is Stanton Iowa you sent to Red Oak
but I got it all right yours S. L. Gasson

Juston, Ill
Gaston. E.C.

Omaha Nebraska March 2 13

Ed Journal

Well Boys I see your hunting up old honest Abe Lincoln supporters I voted for him on Illinois bridge river in 1864 on our march to Atlanta and am still voting old Abe yet keep it up our co of 33 boys nearly all were Lincoln men but one will be 79 tomorrow March 3d am enjoying very good health yours truley E. L. Gaston

3878 Hamilton St

Omaha Neb

Gennett, Richard Harrison Landing Alexandria Riverside, N.J

Riverside N.J.
November 23. 1931.

Mrs H. K. Terry:—

Replying to your unusal letter and will try to give you as much information as possible.

I was in the (115) regiment of the Penn. Volunteered under the Command of Robert Patterson of Philadelphia.

I enlisted in April 24 1862 at the age of 17 years. enlisted for 5 years and served under General Burney in the 2nd Division. was wounded at Gettisburg in 1863 July 2. recived a very bad wound in leg.

which Caused me very much suffering. There are Many many Incidents that happened that I are too Numerous to mention. And now to tell you that I was within a few feet of Abraham Lincoln he reviewed our troops twice three too times were the only times I saw him. The first time he reviewed us was at Harrison Landing and again at Alexandra.

Now to go on and try to answer the rest of your question Citzen Janet and my Grandfather were related. It is to long to explain all of that at this time.

This letter is brief, but

being that I am old, and depend on some one else to write for me, you will have to excuse me at this time. I could tell much more personal, and at some time I would like to see you and show you my painting that I do for past time.

My age is 65 years and still in fairly good health.

My wife is still living, and we are enjoying our life to-gether.

I remain
truly
Richard Smith
Fairview on Burlington Pike
Riverside N.J.
c/o Harry Fisher.

Gephart, Mrs. Lydia Trowbridge

Clinton, Ill.
ate breakfast with L.
at Congress Hotel

Kenney, Ill.

GEPHART

"I saw Lincoln"

Full Name Mrs Lydia Trowbridge Gephart

Present Address Kenney Ill. De Witt Co.

Date of Birth Year 1843 Month August Day 19th.

Place of Birth Lebanon, Ohio.

Where you saw Lincoln Clinton Illinois Congress Hotel

When you saw Lincoln March 10th 1857.

Remarks; -

I came with my Parents at this time, moving from Ohio to Illinois, to make our future home. I ate breakfast with Lincoln at Clinton Ill, Congress Hotel. I am still hale and hearty at the age of 89 years.

Gephart, Mrs. Lydia Trowbridge

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Lincoln National Life
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Responding to your story which we ran in The Gazette-Herald last Friday, Mrs. Lydia Gephart of this Village, called me down to her home. In the talk with her I gleaned the following facts:

Mrs. Gehart was born near Lebanon, Ohio, August 19, 1845. When she was thirteen years old she came with her parents to this county anf has resided here ever since.

On March 10, 1857, the family arrived at Clinton, the county seat (8 miles from here) and ate breakfast there with Abraham Lincoln, Judge Powell and Leonard Swett, the latter two of Lincoln Bloomington, Ill. The men were at that time trying a murder case at Clinton. Mrs. Gephart remembers Lincoln as smooth shaved and wearing a brown suit.

at the Barnett Hotel

This was the only time that Mrs. Gephart ever saw Lincoln.

Very truly,

E. L. Foster

ALFRED C. GIBSON
19 W. PHIL-ELLENA ST.
MOUNT AIRY PHILADELPHIA PA.

Gibson, Alfred Phila., Pa.

MRS. EDWARD V. STOCKHAM
PERRYMAN, MARYLAND

April 12th 1928

My dear Mr. Terry

I hope you will pardon my long delay in answering your letter which arrived just as I was leaving on a cruise. I had intended to write to you en route but did not accomplish it.

I have had a good deal of correspondence lately with Mr. Alfred C. Gibson whose address I enclose. If you are interested in Lincoln you will be

ALFRED C. GIBSON
19 W. PHIL-ELLENA ST.
MOUNT AIRY PHILADELPHIA PA.

I am sure - delighted with Mr. Gibson. Keen and alert at security - since he can give you all the details of the closing act - the trial of the assassins. He was but a boy - my father's clerk in the prison.

I have nothing that I know of connected with the great Lincoln - only those ropes - and the books kept during the trial I think are among my father's papers - I am the last of my family - and everything drifted to me here in Maryland. As far as I know my father had no

other association with our martyred President except his duty at the Arsenal when the assassins were imprisoned and tried. but if I should find anything of interest to you among the papers in my possession it will give me much pleasure to inform you of the fact.

MRS. EDWARD V. STOCKHAM
PERRYMAN, MARYLAND

It was a pleasure to receive your letter and know of your interesting collection. Perhaps you know Mr. Gibson but if you do not I assure you he can add much to your valuable collection

ALFRED C. GIBSON
19 W. PHIL-ELLENA ST.
MOUNT AIRY PHILADELPHIA PA.

I am quite sure he is the only living actor or spectator of the closing act. Hoping his address will soon put you in possession of his very interesting account of the trial

Yours very truly
Marion H. Stockham

Gilmore, Mary Livermore White House Dexter, N.Y.

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WATERTOWN,

"J"

Captain H. O. Gilmore Company J
10th N.Y. Heavy Artillery was stationed
at (she thinks the name is) Camp Wagoner
across the Potomac from the City of
Washington during the Civil War. He
was stationed near Washington as
part of the Union defenses of the city. His
wife Mary Livermore Gilmore spent two
winters with him here and went many
times to the different receptions held at the
White House when the people or visitors Day
Lincoln to shake hands with him. The
receptions on reading days were held every
so often. Mrs. Gilmore often spoke of Lincolns
kindness and his pleasure at shaking
hands with everyone and one day in
particular told of a little girl who was

just ahead of her in the line waiting to
meet Lincoln and how particularly
nice he was to the little girl bending over
to pat her on the head and talking with
her. Mrs. Gilmore often spoke of his
great kindness to children and how
he tried to make them feel at ease with
him.

Mrs Lucy Leonard Dexter N.Y.
Daughter of
Captain H O Gilmore

Gilmore, Thomas

Macomb, Ill. - speech
Augusta, Ill. "

Macomb, Ill.

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"I saw Lincoln"

Full Name Thomas Gilmore

Present Address 525 E. Carroll St., Macomb, Ill.

Date of Birth Year 1832 Month Dec. Day 17th

Place of Birth 35 miles west of Philadelphia, Pa. on a farm.

Where you saw Lincoln In Macomb, Ill., and Augusta, Ill.

When you saw Lincoln October 26th, 1858 and Oct. 27th, 1858. on horseback,

Remarks: - My wife and I, with twenty-eight other couples, went to meet Lincoln when he came to Macomb to speak. We met him about three miles north of Macomb before noon, he was on his way here from Blandinsville, where he spoke the day before; ~~he~~ riding in a farm wagon. Lincoln gave his address in the afternoon in our courthouse yard and stopped in Macomb at the Randolph Hotel until the next morning. About fourteen men, including myself, went to

Augusta, Ill., on the train with Lincoln to hear his address there the following day.

Gilmore, Thomas

Macomb, Ill.

Augusta Ills Aug 31st 1932

The Lincoln National Life
Foundation

Ft Wayne
Ind.

The Augusta Eagle in its
issue of Aug 26th noted
this:- "Seek Eldest Illinoisan
with Memories of Lincoln"
I am so delighted to know
such a person in Mr
Thomas Gilmore of
Macomb Ills aged 101 yrs
He is a wonderful character
the pride of the city of
Macomb- a good talker
not-with-standing his 101 yrs-
An old school teacher-
was one of a party of 30 men
on horseback who were

Lincoln's 2nd Escort from
Monmouth Ills to Augusta,
Lincoln of course, riding
in a (wonderful) buggy -
We have a lady in Augusta
aged 92 at whose home
Lincoln took dinner that
day - her mother had
green beans on the table
and during the meal
remarked "Mr Lincoln
had I known you'd be
here to dinner I'd had
something better than
these green beans -"
Lincoln replied "Mrs Clark
the beans were the best
thing you had on the
table and if any are left
I'll eat them cold for
supper"

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Mrs Slark's daughter aged 92 Mrs D. P. Coffman is an invalid so would not be able to travel — Her father Elder Slark was some preacher and an ardent admirer of Lincoln — all I remember of that day was the great crowd of people and how I a little girl of 6 years marched with the little girls of the Sabbath school — Lincoln spoke twice that day in Augusta — Douglas may have been there too for it was during the time of the L + Douglas debates — But I cannot vouch for that —

Very Truly —

Mrs F. W. King

Dec 17th 1982
Mr Gilmore will be 102
Walks several blocks Each
day-

Gilmore, Thomas Macomb, Ill.

Macomb Ills. Sept 13/32

Dear M- Ethel Kennaford

Your kindly invitation came promptly to hand and I sat at once at my desk to answer it as I must explain my circumstances

While it doubtless be much enjoyment to you all to have among you at your celebration and much enjoyment to me to be there, the conditions forbid.

In early life it was my lot to meet men every day that knew him quite well. But was not my good fortune to see him till A.D. 1858 when he and Stephen A. Douglas (then the most prominent man in Congress) were making talks as candidates for the U.S. senate.

He made a speech in Macomb & some 8 or couple of us rode out to meet him on horseback to escort him into town. The next day some 15 young men of us went with him on the tram to Augusta, 25 mls below and

heard his address at that place.
One day he said to the party with him,
"Tomorrow I shall ask Douglas.
Who should have the right to
say whether a state (Kansas)
about to be admitted, should
be a free or a slave." His friend
told him if he did that Douglas
would answer in a way that
would beat him for the Senate.
Lincoln replied "It may but it
will beat him for the Presidency."
It happened just that way; for
that very thing split the Democratic
convention at Baltimore which
finally made Lincoln President of the U.S.
Little did he dream that he Lincoln,
was to be the man that was to have
the job. I am one who believes
there is a Providence in all our
affairs National as well as personal.
Lincoln was a man who respected
the rights & privileges of every
person just as much as for himself
and stood for that principle.

While Lincoln said little about slavery where it then existed he was opposed to any free territory becoming a slave state and he struck the system a deadly lick when the opportunity came about, and put an end ~~to~~ to that infamous institution in civilized nations.

And now my friends excuse errors for sometimes I leave out words. While my health is good circumstances make it best for an old person to stay where there are conveniences

Yours very truely

Thomas Gilmore

Gilmore, Thomas

Macomb, Ill.

STATUE OF LINCOLN TO BE DEDICATED

Mauro Let Dr. Schaudinn

Macomb Man, 101, to Help Dedicate—Hancock County Woman Heard Lincoln Speak.

Sept 15-'32

The oldest Illinoisan to see Abraham Lincoln alive is expected to help dedicate America's newest Lincoln shrine, a heroic bronze statue of "Abraham Lincoln, the Hoosier Youth," which is to take place at Fort Wayne, Ind., amidst colorful ceremonies on Friday, September 16.

He is Thomas Gilmore, of Macomb, now 101 years old. Gilmore saw Lincoln on two occasions, October 26 and 27, 1858. He was one of a company of men and women who rode out north of town to meet Lincoln when he came to Macomb to speak. Lincoln was on his way in from Blandinsville, and was riding in a farm wagon. The Emancipator's speech was at the Macomb courthouse and the President stopped at the Randolph hotel till the next morning. Gilmore and a number of others went to Augusta with Lincoln on the train to hear his address there.

Mrs. Alice Green of Ivywild, near Hamilton, heard Lincoln speak in the court house yard at Carthage in October, 1858. She was only eight years old at the time, but remembers many incidents of the occasion and has some extracts of Lincoln's speech written in a book. Elder J. C. Page of this city sent Mrs. Green's name to the Lincoln National Life Foundation and she received an invitation to attend the dedication of the statue at Fort Wayne tomorrow, and she intimated that she would accept the invitation.

Lincoln scholars from all parts of the United States, the governors of several states, Civil War veterans who heard or saw Lincoln, and scores of other distinguished men and women have been invited as special guests.

Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde will be the principal speaker and deliver the dedication address following the unveiling of the heroic statue located on the plaza of the Lincoln National Life Insurance company building. Among the other speakers will be United States Senator James E. Watson; Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, at Washington, D. C., which Lincoln attended while president; and Ida M. Tarbell, foremost Lincoln biographer. A presidential salute of 21 guns by U. S. artillery will be fired following the unveiling.

The ceremonies, which will start at 11:30 a. m., central standard time, will be broadcast over the National broadcasting company network on its National Farm and Home Hour with outlets in 47 of the principal cities of the country.

A luncheon for Lincoln students is to be held, and a special afternoon program in which Fort Wayne's 18,000 school children will participate will be addressed by Daniel C. Beard, National Scout Commissioner, and Robert G. Rayburn, winner of the 1931 national oratorical contest.

Gitsky, A. George Petersburg N.Y.

417 West 144th St.
New York.

Mr. Howard K Terry
9528 Wistaria St
Bustleton, Phila Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 9th inst. in care of W J G New York. was handed me. and in reply, I am sending you under separate cover a copy of my address, given over the Network of National Broadcasting Co. Inc. May 28th 1931. On Memorial day. I marched in the Parade up Riverside Drive. Referring to your inquiry about Abraham Lincoln.
On our return from the front of Richmond and Petersburg Va. in passing through Washington my regiment was drawn in front

Of the White House
and Abraham Lincoln
made a Speech to us
from the Porch of the
White House. I can distinctly
remember him as he wished
us a Safe return home, to
be honorably discharged
from the United States Service
I can also remember him on
horseback. passing our
encampment at City Point
Va. As I was only a boy
just 16 years of age. a Drummer
boy of Co K 130th Ohio National
Guards, it was certainly a
great experience for me.
I am enclosing a Small Picture
of myself, recently taken.
I am pleased to have heard
from you, and hope this letter

will be of interest to you.
I am sorry you could not have heard me, as my voice is considered that of a much younger man. The N Y B C. say it was a wonderful success.

On the 9th of this month was my 83rd Birthday,

Thanking you for writing to me. I beg to remain

Respectfully Yours

Col. A. George Gotsky

P.S. I am the youngest member of Edwin D Morgan Post No 307. G.A.R. State of Newyork. only Eight Members left out of nearly 400 originally and youngest survivor of Infantry in the Union Army, during the Civil War 1861 to 1865.

Glenings, Matthias

Erie, Pa.

RECREATION BUILDING

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

ERIE, PA.

Erie Feb 6 1931

Dear Mrs. Jerry - Yours received and proud to show you all. We [illegible] dear old Blue-jacket when the news was forcing their way into Penna, Governor Curtin called to all the young fellows in the State to rally to the Union. He said - Hang your Banners on the outer walls - so to speak, and we have quite a number, thousands of the best blood of Penna, touched to [illegible] - We swarm in and crushed down the Camp ground walls, on foot - trains all the way to the Potomac, and when the rebels saw us coming they

RECREATION BUILDING

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

ERIE, PA.

fall back to Gettysburg
where the 2d Brigade was
Commanded by Gen Sickles
three days fighting
was made for them that day
did fall back from me,
for although we had no
Military Training, the was
scarcely a boy among us
who could not pick the eye
out of a squirrel with a rifle
at fifty or a hundred yards,
we remained on the Potomac
as long as we were needed
and although Mr Lincoln
Came out to review the troops
I did not get a chance
to see him then, as I was
detailed on special duty
away from the

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Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

ERIE, PA.

But I was not going to be denied for me this day when I was going to dedicate a building to the field — as a soldier, myself and a fine memorial of our fighting Made to the Marines to the Navy, and it was [illegible] Marine in a Marine Post — it seemed in the face of God — Almighty — And the hope [illegible] Henry did flame from from his eyes, and I resolved a memorial that should, and I did and for many years it had been my ambition to build it —

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RECREATION BUILDING

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

ERIE, PA.

On Memorial day in
Connection with
ours was the 43rd
Penn. regiment Co F.
Under Col. Stone and
Captain Ulrich - as brave
lads as ever Commission
were - I and - many
any of our old Comrades
friends here & with - myself
and Son of the Comrades,
When we read Lincoln
Gettysburg address our Slogan
was - We are Coming
Father Abraham
one hundred thousand
more - No need to cast,
where the Banks of rebs
in the days when they fought
below. Here Comrades here
in the ranks alone -

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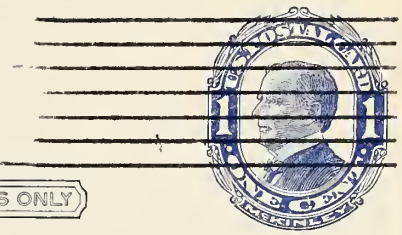
RECREATION BUILDING

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

ERIE, PA.

Dear Sir would you
be so kind as to send me
Some [illegible] and
as much as you can spare
need for my clothes,
and I am very glad
to be able to tell
a few words to you
to I am just four
score and seven years
old - Came as the
Lightning Speeds,
Relying this
my request you'll grant,
And hoping to hear from you
I am again I am
Yours &c
Matthias Hughes

Godfrey, Thaddeus



Knoxville Journal
Knoxville
Tenn

[illegible] Kans. Feb. 24 1913

Mr. Editor Knoxville Journal. I seen the last issue of your paper a list of names, who voted for Lincoln. I can tell you what became of them about Illinois Bayou creek in 1864 I was 17 years old. I had just joined Colonel Harris Pass Expedition. Cotton Plant Helena Ark. Capture of Little Rock. and Camden Expedition and was at Jenkins Ferry. Therefore I have by rights entitled to a vote, as I voted. and I am proud of it. Wish we could have another one like him. Hoping all is Boys.

Thaddeus Leaf Co. I. 33rd Iowa

Godd, D. A. L.-D. Debates, Decatur, Ill. Decatur, Ill
Good

Feb 6 - 1932

Mr H K Ferry
Bustleton Pa

Dear Sir your inquiry of jan 25 - 1932 Received some time ago. I will now reply to your request
I attended the Dougles, Lincoln. Debate in Decatur or properly at the Imboden Springs Park. now the Green Wood Cemetery at Decatur Ill in 1858 then a boy of 5 years with my Father John Good.
Lincoln's appearance was not as striking as might have been. he was verry tall smooth shaven rather awkard looking. when he spoke his tone and maner was mild and winsome also verry forseful was my impression.
in 1860 May 20 or close he spoke in Decatur in his acceptance of the Enomination for the Presidency. he had improved in dress and looks. his talk ~~and~~ and voice had taken a more sympathetic tone, and was more forseful. he spoke on what is now the Lincoln Square in Decatur. Ill.
I am now past 78 years old and a little nervious so please excuse poor writing

yours truly D A Good
R D 1st Box 30 Decatur Ill

I may be in error in my mind but to the best of my recollection my is right

second

Good, Isaac Sidney, Ohio

The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.

Dear Sirs - in regards to the information about the old Gruth man I wrote you about several days ago - I am sending you a clipping from our local paper, containing an article about this same old fellow. If you are still interested in him, possibly I can get him to sign the information blank which you sent me. He is rather "grouchy" but he & I are pretty good friends, So I will do what I can to get the proper information for you.

Yours Very Resp.
Mrs C. M. Hendlen
R 8 Sidney Ohio.

Lincoln Life -

Dear Sirs, If you are interested in a man 93 yrs. of age who remembers Ab. Lincoln perfectly well, you can please write me and I can arrange for you to have an interview. I also have a very recent photo of this man.

Yours Resp.
Mrs C. M. Hindley
R 8 Sidney Ohio.

EARLY SETTLERS ACTIVE IN FARM LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. Robt Burns

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Haines

Mr. and Mrs Henry Kuether

Mr and Mrs Zachriah Starret

Isaac Good

First Residents in Kuether Road Have Operated Dairy for 42 Years.

SIDNEY, O., Aug. 30.—Few communities can boast of records as held by five farmers in Shelby county, all living within a mile and a half of each other, whose farm activities take them over an area of 500 acres and whose combined ages total 399 years.

The five residents live in Kuether road, a road named after the first settler, Henry Kuether. At the age of 30, with his wife of 26, Mr. Kuether came to the 80-acre plot to make his home.

The farm was crudely arranged on a narrow mud road. Foreseeing a great future on the acreage, he purchased 18 head of shorthorn cattle and opened a dairy farm. As business increased, more cattle were added to the herd, until they had one of the leading businesses in this section at that time. Mrs. Kuether, who ably assisted in the business, holds an enviable record in this community of milking as high as 23 cows twice a day. She also prepared the milk for delivery and said that if all the milk handled by herself were placed in a large vat, it would float a steamboat. Both are still active in all farm duties. Despite the fact that Mr. Kuether is 72 years old, he personally attended 44 acres of corn and assisted in threshing 8,200 bushels of grain this year. Mr. and Mrs. Kuether retain their dairy business, with Mrs. Kuether milking an average of 10 cows daily, a duty she has continued for 42 years.

Soon after Mr. and Mrs. Kuether established their home, Mr. and Mrs. Zachriah Starret came to the vicinity. Quite unlike their neighbors, Mr. Starrett, now 88 years old, had never milked a cow until he was 80 years old. Mrs. Starret is 76 years old and maintains active interest in her home farm. She assisted her husband in making hay this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns were the third residents to make their home in Kuether road. Both are unusually active in farming projects. Mr. Burns served Shelby county as sheriff from 1915 to 1919. After returning to his home place, he entered the poultry business. Mr. Burns is the youngest of the group of five active farmers. He is 70 years old.

A life filled with interesting tales, is that of Isaac Good, who is in his ninety-third year. Mr. Good has retired from menial farm labors, but daily is seen about his farm cutting wood. His memory is remarkably clear, especially of those days when he conversed with President Abraham Lincoln. "I could not agree with Lincoln on many subjects, especially with his war to free the slaves," he says. ~~Mr. Burns~~ did not join the forces for the emancipation of the negroes. He paid another to take his place in the lines, a practice that was permitted in those days. He felt that he could make a better living at stock buying and farming, and asked for his release. For years Mr. Good was a stock buyer. His wife died 11 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Haines recently celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. They are interested in their source of livelihood of poultry raising and farming. They are 76 and 72 years old, respectively.

The five couples have struggled through many depression eras and always came out on top. Their belief is to "keep on, in spite of such times" and "the years will turn out to be happy ones after all." "It's just like beginning all over again," one said, "for 42 years ago, prices were practically the same as at present. Milk at 5 cents, six quarts for 25 cents, was a common sign in stores of that day."

The interview brought back memories of many years ago, how their small neighborhood has grown from a wooded area into five attractive homes and paying farms, by the toil of their hands and the "sweat of their brows."

Gosha, Charles Petersburg Appleton, Wis.

April 23 1931

Grand Army Comm

Dr H K Leroy Bustleton, Pa -

your name Dis Very finder
to me as the Leader that
Led the 2. Expedion at the
2, battle of Fort Fisher his
name Was Gen Leroy
i Was in both battles first
With Gen Butler, i belonged to
the 4. N H. Volnters, E Co. 2nd Co.
i We fought Gen Rugard
all the time that We Was in the
army and i Gave Sherman
Lyncone, and Grant at
Petersburge, 2. Defeat times
i Was 90. years young 21. March
19, 31, Hope you are Well
are you a Civil War Vetran and
What State

P.S. There Was one Hundred and 61 in our post now there is. Sunday 4. one year We lost 14 and one year We dont Lose Any

I there Hant my Coffey Cooler Left

My Home is Appleton Wisconsin

Write to me agane

God Bless Yau

Charles Gosha

Box 225 Appleton Wis

on Dec. 16 Grand army

Home Waupaca, Wis

THE JAMES MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY
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DECATUR, ILL.

28 January, 1932

Orville B. Gorin Library
THE LIBRARY

Wm. Howard K. Terry
Bustleton, Pa.

Dear Sir: -

Your inquiry regarding our ownership of a Lincoln collection is at hand. We have some Lincoln material, but little of special note. The Decatur Public Library, Miss Minnie A. Dill, Librarian, has a very splendid gift collection of Lincolniana among other things the original Anne Rutledge grammar. I am sorry we can not be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

Orville B. Gorin Library
The James Millikin
University.
Decatur, Illinois

Gould, Dayton Thomas

Cleveland, Ohio
on way to inauguration

Berea, Ohio

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" I Saw Lincoln "

Full Name Dayton Thomas Gould

Present Address Berea, Ohio. 150 Seminary St.

Date of Birth Year 1847 Month February Day 3rd

Place of Birth Twinsburgh Summit Co Ohio

Where You Saw Lincoln Cleveland Ohio

When You Saw Lincoln February 15th 1861

Remarks: - I was handed to Jews agent Hon Henry P Walker as Cleveland & all my story of Security and hearing Abraham Lincoln Make a speech on the evening of Feb 15. 1861. together with a photograph of myself Respectfully

Dayton Thomas Gould

Berea, Ohio Aug 26th 1932

Gould, Dayton Thomas

Berea, Ohio

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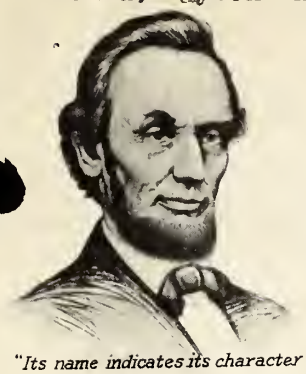

"Its name indicates its character"

AGENCY OF
THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE: FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

HENRY N. WALKDEN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
WATER ST. - SEMINARY ROAD
PHONE: BEREA 969F12

OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO

Mr Henry N Walkden of Olmsted Falls, Ohio, agent of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co of Fort Wayne Indiana, has requested me to copy from my "Personal Recollections," prepared for my family only, and still in manuscript the following which discribes my seeing Abraham Lincoln and hearing him make a speech, V

(Page 5-3 of the Recollections) This took place in Cleveland Ohio, when Lincoln was on his way to his first inauguration as President of the United States. It was the evening of Feb 15th 1861. and the place where he spoke was the balcony of the old Weddell House, on the North West corner of Bank & Superior Sts. now East 6th St and Superior. The spot where I stood was on the walk, just below where he stood, which was on the East or Bank St side of the hotel. I was as near to him as it was possible for any one to be, and my view of him was clear and unobstructed. I had seen him leave the carriage at the Bank St entrance to the hotel and saw that he wore a beaver shawl over his shoulders and also noted that it was just like the shawl I had around my shoulders, for it was a cold rainy night and my father had put his shawl around me to keep me warm

In a few minutes he appeared on the balcony just above where I stood standing close to the iron railing, and I had a fine view of the most talked about man in the country, also he was the first President of the United States I had ever seen. As he spoke I noted that he was a very tall man, also a homely looking man, that he wore whiskers and that he had a far reaching voice, and pitched a trifle high, might be described as sharp. I could see that he was a kind hearted but one who knew what he was trying to do, and had the fortitude to carry it out

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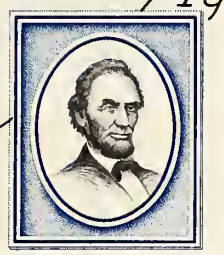

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At that time I was just fourteen (14) years old (my birth day Feb 3rd) and probably had as good as better understanding of what Lincoln election meant than many grown people around me. For my father was an ardent Republican, and well posted on national policies. He took Greeley's New York Tribune, and was an easy talker, and I used listen to many hot discussions in my father's store.

The speech Lincoln made was devoid of party political significance as it should be on such an occasion; also short, lasting hardly ten (10) minutes I think; he ceased speaking and stepped back from the railing and was lost sight of by me, staying with his crowd on the balcony.

The shove my father put around me now enters into this story. I had been wedged in among a tightly packed throng of men that at times lifted me off my feet and twisted me around, so that I had difficulty in seeing the speaker. When it was over and I stood on the walk I discovered that the shove had been torn from my shoulders and forearms last. This was a serious loss for a man's shovel, made entirely of wood, as was my father's, and a lot of money for those days. In the history of Lincoln's parting from his home in Springfield Ill. it is recorded that as he stood on the rear platform of the car to make his parting talk to friends and neighbors a woman stepped up to the platform and presented him with a shovel, the same as I saw him wear in Cleveland. Mr Lincoln thanked her and immediately put the shovel around his shoulders "

Dayton Thomas Gould,

Berea, Ohio Aug 24th 1932,

150 Seminary St

Gould, Dayton Thomas

Berea, Ohio

Seek Oldest Ohioan Who Has Memories of Lincoln

Who is the oldest person in Ohio who heard, saw or knew Abraham Lincoln?

Dr. D. T. Gould, chairman of the board of directors of The Commercial & Savings Bank is probably the oldest person in Berea, who saw and heard him.

The Lincoln National Life Foundation, Ft. Wayne, Ind., would like to know the oldest one in the state. The reason the Foundation is trying to locate this person is that it is desirous of doing honor to him or her.

On Sept. 16 a heroic bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln will be dedicated at Fort Wayne. It is the thought that it would be highly appropriate to have present at the dedication the oldest person in each of the neighboring states of Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, with personal recollections of the Great Emancipator. The one person in each state finally selected will have all of his expenses connected with the trip paid.

The editor of the News or the Foundation will welcome any pertinent information on the matter.

Grant, E. B. Petersburg Soldier Oregon

E B Grant Commander

HEADQUARTERS

MEADE POST NO. 2

G. A. R.

WILLAMETTE HALL

P. O. Gladstone
~~Oregon~~ City, Aug 19th 1930

Mr H. K. Perry

Your letter to John Ackley was handed to me by him to Answer I had no Personal acquaintance with Pres Lincoln but I Saw him when he visited the Army dureing the Siege of Petersburg V. A. he told Gen Grant he wanted to see the Boys who were doing the Fighting so Gen Grant ordered Several Reg. he could spare from the Front Line to a large Field near City Point I was a drummer Boy and when the President made down the Line in Front of My Reg with his Hat off we Boys Played Hail to the Chief as he passed along in Front of the Reg the Drum I used at that time I brought home with me and have Loaned it to the Historical Society of Portland Ore it is Kept in a Glass Case in the City Hall but the Drum Sticks I still Keep with me money could not buy them ya see they are Part

(over)

of History that I took part in
I Enlisted in Aug 1862 in the 142nd
N.Y. Vol Co H as drummer boy at
the Age of 16 years and was mustered
out at the close of the war at Raleigh
N.C. June 18 - 1865 = we were the troops
that Captured Ft Fisher & Wilmington
on the Coast & marched up to Ral N.C
got there just as the war closed
Conrad Ackley said he Saw Pres Lincoln
the time he visited the Army the time
I speak of at City Point
I do not Know of Any one who
was Personaly Acquanted with Lincoln
Yours Respt
E B Grant
Com Meal Past No 2 Dept Oregon
have been Elected Com
for the Last 5 years

Grattan, M. T.

Decorah, Iowa

Decorah, Iowa, June 30, 1931.

Mr Howard K. Gross,

Dear Sir:

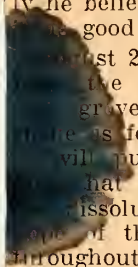
Your letter of the 29th instant recd. I never spoke to Mr Lincoln nor he to me. I have printed his talk with my Father several times. Of course I saw him, heard him speak and heard my Republican Father, editor of Janesville Gazette, Freeport Journal, Mt Carrol Mirror etc tell much of him. I was for Douglas.

Yours truly

M. T. Grattan, Comdr.
Post 1092 G.A.R.

M. T. Grattan Corrects Collier's Weekly On Stephen A. Douglas

The editor of Collier's Weekly falsely charged that Senator Stephen A. Douglas favored allowing the South to secede. No act, no word of his in all his life could be so construed and I asked the editor to correct his statement and not mislead his readers. Evidently he believes: "A lie well stuck to [illegible] good as the truth."



[illegible]st 27th, 185[illegible], Judge Douglas [illegible]e plank platform in the [illegible]gr[illegible]ve at Freeport, Illinois, [illegible]s follows and I heard him: [illegible]vill pursue no course of con[illegible] that will give just cause for [illegible]issolution of the Union. The [illegible] the friends of freedom throughout the world rests upon the perpetuity of this Union."

Further along he said: "I have been put to severe tests. I have stood by my principles in fair weather and in foul, in the sunshine and in the rain. I have defended the great principles of self government here among you when Northern sentiment ran in a torrent against me, and I have defended that same great principle when Southern sentiment came down like an avalanche upon me. I was not afraid of any test they put to me. I knew I was right; I knew my principles were sound; I knew that the people would see in the end that I had done right, and I know that the God of heaven would smile upon me if I was faithful in the performance of my duty. I know Mr. Lincoln's object: he wants to divide the Democratic party, in order that he may defeat me and get to the Senate." These were his closing words, his time having expired. Lincoln arose, raised his hands exclaiming: "What a great orator Judge Douglas is." He might have truthfully added, what a great statesman—a verdict the voters rendered by returning Judge Douglas to the Senate where he strove vainly against the Secessionists who plunged us into the war of the rebellion. Why should this great man be lied about and traduced at this late day? He was as loyal as Lincoln and his followers volunteered at his appeal in thousands to help save the Union. It is my pride that I was one of them and remain a Douglas democrat.

M. T. Grattan, Past Comdr.
Post 122 G. A. R.

A certain small restaurant was kept by a man who prided himself on his cooking . He was amazed to hear a young salesman criticise a pie, one day.

"Pie, young feller- Why, I made pies before you were born."

"O. K. But why sell 'em now?"

Few Living Iowans Heard Lincoln And Douglas In Freeport

Last week there came to me with the compliments of Hon. William T. Rawleigh a beautiful volume deluxe entitled: "Freeport's Lincoln" with the sub title: "The fate of a Nation was decided at Freeport."

I have just finished cutting its 310 pages, dipping into its intensely interesting topics from moment to moment to the neglect of the dailies and all other matters of present interest.

The names of Iowa people living August 27, 1929, who heard the debate 71 years before may interest Journal readers. They are as follows: Mrs. Julia Brace, Algona; Mrs. H. L. Carr, Osceola; J. J. Earle, Fayette; J. W. Grawe, Waverly; Miss Jane E. Hamand, Schaller; Mrs. Anna W. Karr, Osceolo; J. B. McKibben, Storm Lake; P. Woodring, Waterloo; M. T. Grattan, Decorah.

Of these J. F. Grawe, J. J. Earle, Mrs. Anna W. Karr, P. Woodring, Mrs. Julia F. Brace, and M. T. Grattan contributed their memories of the debate. Comrade Grawe was born in Germany in 1843. A fighter for the preservation of the Union three years; a student and teacher ten years; an editor fifty seven years and an enthusiastic horseman always, his letter heads the list as it deserved to of all who wrote of hearing Lincoln and Douglas debate. In fraternity, charity and loyalty he is beloved by all Grand Army men who know him and remember that his great compatriots, Generals Heintzleman, Siegal, Schurz, with their thousands of German followers fought for the Union. I know of none who fought against. The Confederates said that but for the damned Germans they would have won the war. So all honor to them, say I. "What Lincoln and Douglas said at Freeport" with the interruptions fill 67 pages. One of the stenographers still lives at 95 years, M. P. Rindlaub, though Congressman Hitt did the official work quoted. I know of no other presentation of the debates seriatum and complete. Lincoln spoke an hour, Douglas an hour and a half, Lincoln closing with an allotment of half an hour. At the close the vast audience shouted: "Go on, go on." To which he replied: "I cannot, gentlemen, my time has expired."

So ended the debate with its questions and answers that won the re-election of Senator Douglas and defeated him for the presidency. He did not shirk disclosing that he was for the Union which angered the hot headed secessionists in the south and divided the democratic party. They wanted another subserviant tool like Buchanan and had Douglas "bent the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift might follow fawning" he would have been president. A great man, an honest man, a great democrat whose memory deserves reverence along with that of his equally honest antagonist and great republican, Abraham Lincoln, whose rectitude shines like a star of the first magnitude against the murky reputations of the grafters and fanatics now so disgracefully numerous in the party he honored.

M. T. Grattan, Past Comdr.
Post 122 G. A. R.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Friday morning in Des Moines, I was startled by glaring headlines in the Register reading: "Lincoln Painted as Dishonest, Lazy, Ignorant, Hypocrite, by Edgar Masters." Underneath was a picture labeled: "Indicts Lincoln. Edgar Lee Masters."

No picture in a rogue's gallary ever presented a meaner or more vicious face. That a newspaper at the capital of Iowa should publish such scandalous falsehood of a gentleman, an honest man, the patriot who saved the Union, is a disgrace to Iowa. This scribbling ghoul, Masters, did not know Lincoln, never saw him, and digs up with the instincts of a hyena his sacred memory to defile it with the slaver of a rabid dog.

I knew Lincoln, heard him debate with Douglas. Saw him at Freeport, replying to Douglas, raise both hands exclaiming: "What a great orator Judge Douglas is." I was a Douglas Democrat then and have never changed, but when he held Lincoln's hat at the inauguration, offering his services to defeat secession, calling upon his partisans to support Lincoln, we volunteered by the thousands. Stephen Arnold Douglas never would have given his allegiance to a dishonest, ignorant hypocrite. They were political rivals, but personal friends, holding each other in the highest esteem, as Douglas clearly demonstrated. He was as ardently hated by secessionists as Lincoln was; they were both Union men, and but for them there would be no United States of America today.

U. S. Grant, John Logan, Billy Sherman, Pap Thomas, all Douglas Democrats, supported Lincoln. Would they have done so if he had been what this critter, Masters, with the villainous mug, claimed him to have been? No! everlastingly no! They acknowledged as their commander in chief a great man, an honest man, an indefatigable worker, a sincere man, a sympathetic man grieving over the terrible calamity of death and destruction that overwhelmed us in 1861.

M. T. GRATTAN,
Past Commander Post 122, G. A. R.

From Decorah Public Opinion of February 12, 1931.

Green, Mrs. Alice

Hamilton, Ill.

THE REORGANIZED
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

HISTORIC HOME OF JOSEPH SMITH
NAUVOO, ILLINOIS

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
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Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Aug. 31; 1932.

Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Ft. Wayne Ind.,

Dear Sir;

We saw in the Nauvoo Independent for Aug. 25th that you were seeking for the oldest person in Illinois who remembers Abraham Lincoln.

We are writing to put you in touch with Mrs. Alice Green, Ivywild, Hamilton, Ill. who is 82 years old, she attended the debate between Lincoln and Douglas at Carthage, Ill.

She is a most remarkable woman, she has recently written a story of what she remembers of Lincoln.

Yours very truly,

Jas C. Page
Nauvoo, Ill.

Green, Alice (Mrs) Carthage - L.-D. Debates Ill. Hamilton, Ill.

"I SAW LINCOLN"

Full Name Alice. D. Green.

Present Address Hamilton, Illinois.

Date of Birth Year 1851. Month April Day 19th.

Place of Birth Rochester, New York

Where you saw Lincoln Carthage, Illinois

When You Saw Lincoln 1858. at Lincoln and Douglas Debate.

Remarks: - I was in my eighth year. I remember both men distinctly. Hon Lincoln uncouthly rugged, Hon. Douglas, a well dressed aristocrat. Hon. Lincoln patted me on the head, and told me I was a good girl. I remember well all he said. I have broadcasted over the Radio from Carthage, Ills. giving a full account of this meeting, and have also Broadcasted from same Station an original Poem written by myself entitled "Memories of Lincoln." I can mail you the same if you desire it.

=Alice. D. Green,= =Hamilton, Illinois.=

Green, John P.

Cleveland, Ohio
on way to inauguration
Funeral - on way to Springfield, Cleveland, Ohio

" I Saw Lincoln "

Full Name John P. Green: Atty at Law, since Sept. 20th. 1870.

Present Address 614, E. 107th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Date of Birth Year 1845. Month April Day 2d.

Place of Birth Newbern North Carolina.

Where You Saw Lincoln Saw and heard Lincoln speak, on the bal-* cony of the old Weddell hotel, Cleveland O. when he was enroute to Washington, D.C. to his Inauguration.

When You Saw Lincoln

Remarks:- Saw the remains of Lincoln, en route to Springfield Ill. above the catafalque on which the remains rested I was the follow-ing inscription, which I translated for a group of persons- Latin Extinctus amabitur idem". = The dead, he will be loved the same. I was then, a poor colored waiter boy. John P. Green.

Green, W. W.
C. B. GREEN
MARY E. GREEN

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TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

March 1 1932.

Mr. Howard K.Terry,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 18th,inst, and am sorry that I could not get it answered before this, but as I can not write like I could when I was younger I have to have it done for me.

You asked if I knew Mr.Lincoln? Yes, I knew him long before I went into the Army, and at that time I did not know that some day I would be serving under him to rejoin the Union.

In May 1864, I enlisted in the 19th, Indiana Regiment, and was a Sargent of Co.D. I stayed with them untill we consolidated with the 20th, Ind. and as I had reenlisted for another 3 years before the joining of the two regiments it gave us to many Noncons, and as I had seen 3½ years of the hardist fighting I wanted to get out of the army, So I was discharged in October of 1864 and went home.

The next month November was election and Y ofus boys voted in 6 differant places in 3 differant countys. We lived around Knightstown, Henry Co. Indiana.

My ancestry dates back to Nathanael Greene, who landed in this country in 1635. Gen.Nathanael Greene and my Grandfather were brothers, and we lived in Virginia. We moved to Springfield, Ills. in 1853 their was where I first saw Mr.Lincoln.

Us boys played foot ball with a Beef bladder North of the State House and Lincoln, would come by their and sometimes the blader would be kicked onto the sidewalk and he would kick it back to us and how he would smile. He was the best Friend we had.

The last time I saw him alive was at a reveiu across the river from Washington, D.C. we were camped their and he came to look us over I was in Indianapolis, Indiana. at the time his train and I saw him laid out at the State House.

Tears came to my eyes as I looked at him laying their sleeping the long sleep some day I will take. I like to tell my Son of the things that happened before he was old enough to know and I have seen a lot happen in the 90 years of life.

Thanking you foryour kind letter and hope this will be of some use to you. Very truly yours,

W W Green

Greene, James H.

Washington, D. C.
Played in band

Atlantic, Mass.

Howard K Perry

Dear Sir

You will be surprised when you find out see who this is from, it is all of five years as I remember but even so, you see that you are not forgotten. It was you that ~~you~~ wrote to me as I was am a G.A.R man you thought that I might have some clippings or my Picture to give me as I am getting up a Book of History y're garce to the G.A.R work as I have nothing to send you on that line. so I dide send you my Pho and also a few clippings as well. so now as I have a number of these Photo, I thought if it was so, I would help you. that as God has done to you as he has to me so I could write to you

God is good to me in a way. I have been in the Hospital for 23 month but now I feel quite well. I am 85 years old or will be my Next Birth Day. well I have to come to a close I hope that you are well and Happy. I shall expect a answer from you.

From,
J. H Greene.
35 Arnold. Road
Atlantic
Mass

P.S. Please Return this Paper But the Picture you can Keep it if you care for it.

this work so you can see the
work have done in the schools
I rig and to Lincoln yes I
did shake Hand with him
also shook Hands with
Gen Grant and also Pres
Mc Kinley. How it was so
happened as the Band that
belong to we started from
Boston to join our Regiment
in Maryland. It was 9th Day
we got as far as Washington
there the Band Leader not
to go on until go to dear. To go
so we stay the three days
the second the Leader of the
got orders. to report at the
Pension Building. as the Pres
was to have reception in the
Eve so the Band went and done
there duty when we was dismiss
To greet Lincoln we shaking hands
as the folk went on. so we felt

I want you to send the reading matter when you get through with it. Back
Comrade to me.
Yours

Howard K. Terry

I received your letter as you see I will not be able to write much as I am under a Dr's care, he does not want me to excite my Brain that is my trouble. I cannot remember anything any length of time of which I am sorry to write. You see by this that I have been faithful to my work of we are & our young days by which we have been. But now I will the 24th of June I will be 84 years old. So you see I am no chicken. All the comrades that are alive are about to there end, God knows best when we are to go he will take us. I send

From,
Comrade James H Greene.
25 Arnold Road
Atlantic
Mass

MET MARTYRED PRESIDENTS

The distinction of having shaken hands with the three martyred Presidents of the United States, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, is one of the proudest memories of James H. Greene of Quincy, who was a drummer boy in the Civil War.

Greene met Lincoln while playing the drum with the 11th U. S. Infantry band at a reception in Washington in 1861. When he went to shake hands with Lincoln, the Great Emancipator said:

"You're a smart young soldier to leave your home to go to the war for three years. Always love your flag, my boy, and may God bless you."

Too young to fight, Greene, with his two brothers, joined the band of the 11th U. S. Infantry, accompanying the soldiers to the Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg campaigns. Young Greene assisted surgeons in the hospitals, acting as an orderly at operations.

Three years later, after heavy losses, they were sent home to recruit, and James Greene then joined the navy, serving four years on the Ohio and the Wabash.

He is past commander of Dahlgren Post No. 2 of South Boston, and was a familiar sight drumming when the G. A. R. had their annual encampments. It was during these encampments that he met James a Garfield and William McKinley, the other two martyred American Presidents.

Won Praise From Lincoln

JAMES H. GREENE, Civil War veteran of Quincy, who has shaken hands with three martyred presidents, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, cherishes the advice given him by the Emancipator at Washington, in 1861. "Always love your flag," Lincoln told him. Photos show Greene as a drummer boy and in his G. A. R. uniform.

Greene, James H. Washington, D.C. Soldier Atlantic, Mass.

Bustleton, Philada., Pa. 4-30-30.

Mr. James H. Greene,

Atlantic, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It was mighty fine of you to answer my letter so promptly, and to send me all those interesting clippings and pictures to read. I enjoyed them very much and thank you most heartily for your kindness.

I should liked to have kept the picture of you, but that would be selfish, so I am returning them all in as good condition, I hope, as I received them.

My very best wishes to you, sir, and to your brother if he is still living.

Sincerely yours,

Howard K. Terry

Howard K. Terry.

Griffith, Wm. Patton Washington, D.C. Brooklyn, N.Y

Reception

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WM. PATTON GRIFFITH

90 ROGERS AVENUE

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Jan. 9, 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
Bustleton, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request for Recollections of President Lincoln, I first met him on New Year's Day, 1862, at the Reception in the White House. I was a six-foot Zouave, and as I held out my hand he took it in both of his big hands and said, "My dear boy," as lovingly as my own Father would have spoken. I have loved Lincoln ever since.

I saw him on his visits to the troops in the field, but when Grant sent the Sixth Corps to Washington to stop the Confederates under Early from wrecking Washington, and especially the Capitol, the Second Division was landed at the Seventh Street Wharf, and there we met President Lincoln. He shook hands all around many times. When our Companies L and M of the 102d Regiment Pa. Vet Vols,, Zouaves, formed to make the four-mile run to Fort Stevens, one of the chain of forts which had been built to save the National Capital from destruction, Mr. Lincoln jumped into his barouche and drove up to the fort. When we reached there we saw him on top of the fort, exposed to the fire of the Rebel sharpshooters, in immiment peril, but it was an anxious moment for him, for he knew that on the result of the charge which we then made--the first reinforcement of the fort, which the Rebel General knew was "feebly defended," depended the safety of the Nation's Capital and the fate of the "Land of the Free," as England and France had agreed to recognize the Confederacy if Early and his rebel force captured Washington. It was one of the most important hours in the history of the Nation. Our regimental Surgeon, Dr. Crawford, was standing just below Lincoln. All at once he dropped, struck by one of the bullets meant for Lincoln. Gen. Wright, our Corps Commander, begged the President to "get down, I beg of you; they will certainly kill you." Lincoln did not get down until we had charged and driven the rebels; then he knew that Early's foul purpose could not succeed.

I fired my gun as our two companies charged up to the rebel lines, and turned over on my back to reload. Meanwhile the forts on the right and left as well as Fort Stevens, where some gunners came in to fire the cannon, and when the shells began bursting all about us I was shell-shocked and did not regain my senses till some days afterward, when I found myself in Hospital at Chester, Pa.

I served four years, and was on my back to the front from the hospital at Chester to fight under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, when I was de-

tailed to the office of the Soldiers' Journal, at Camp Distribution, and remained there till the war closed, as Editor and Publisher of the paper till the war ended and I was mustered out. The paper was the Semi-Official Organ of the War Department, and I got the official orders and President Lincoln's papers before they were officially promulgated, so that my readers sometimes knew facts which were not otherwise promulgated till days afterward. The Pension Bureau can tell you about Mr. Tisdale.

Yours faithfully,

Wm Patton Griffith,

Past Department Commander New York, G. A. R.

GROVES, MRS. VIRGINIA Springfield McMINNVILLE, OREGON
R lived near Lincolns

610 South Cowls Street
McMinnville, Oregon
March 3, 1934

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

I have written my remembrances of Abraham Lincoln as I knew him when living just across the street from him, when I was a little child. Miss Edna Garfield of Salem, Oregon has the only other copy of my story.

I am Mrs. Virginia Payran Grover, born in Stanton, Virginia in 1852. We moved to Springfield, Illinois, and lived near Lincoln's home on 8th Street. I marched in the Republican torchlight procession, and was at the train to bid him goodby when he left for the Whitehouse. Mr. Lincoln's first burying place was on the corner of Spring and Allen Streets.

If you can use this material, will you please let me know?

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Virginia Grover

Guinmere, Anthony Chicago - soldier Milwaukee, Wis.

Bustleton, Phila. Pa.
February 10 - 1931.

Mr. Anthony Guinmere,
National Soldiers' Home.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Your name was one of twenty-two which the Governor of the Home - Col. Pearsall - was good enough to give me when I wrote asking if there was any one among the G.A.R. Veterans there who knew or saw Abraham Lincoln. I am also addressing letters to the other twenty-one.

For years I have been writing to folks, particularly to G.A.R. Veterans, who remember Mr. Lincoln. I have many letters from men and women in all parts of the country telling of some incident in their life as it came in contact with that of "Honest Abe". These letters I am carefully preserving so that future generations might have all the first hand information it is possible to acquire.

Would it be expecting too much of

you, sir, to ask you to write me your recollection of Mr. Lincoln? I would greatly appreciate a few lines from you to add to my ever-increasing collection of Lincolniana and Civil War material.

Allow me to congratulate you upon your long life and honorable career. May you be spared many more years and enjoy the best of health and happiness.

It is a real pleasure to write to a veteran of the Civil War. Some of my forbears, as well as those of my wife, were in that conflict. With what regiment did you serve?

Thanking you for any courtesy which you might extend to me, I am

Yours sincerely,

Howard K. Terry

Recall Mr. Lincoln when he called on the different Companies, in our Campaign of '60 - We met at Camp Douglas, Chicago when he and Genl Fremont came in to gather and shook hands with all of us. I voted for him in 1863 while in the Army at Little Rock, Ark. I served in the 27th Regiment Ill. Vet at Chicago also 1st Hundred Days Regiment in 61 at Chicago

Gunn, A. R. Washington soldier Philadelphia, Pa.

NEMO ME IMPUNE LACESSIT

A. R. GUNN

1743 N. 23D STREET

Philadelphia, Oct 10th, 1929.

Mr. HOWARD K. TERRT,
Blue grass road,
Rustlion, philad'

My Dear Mr. Terry,

I have recived your esteemed favor, but I am afraid that you will be dissapointed, with referance to my personal contactwith His exellency presidant, Abraham Lincln, that is so far as verbal conversation is concearned, of course I have shaken hands with Mr Lincoln, as many others have done, especially when the battalion of the U.S, Infantry, arrived in washington on the 23rd of July from the first battle of Bullrun, the presidant thanked us for our prompt arrival in order to save the Nation's capital from despollers, of the Constitution, I might mention another incident, at the close of Mr. Lincoln's earthly career, when on the night of His assassination the news reached us about a.m. pm. and I was orderd to take charge of the crossing of the gunpower river to let no one pass but arrest any one who attempted to do so, we thought that it was gorillas that we were to intercept, but when the second dispatch arrived than we had to believe the seriousness of the news, we were ordered at once to Washington, as we had proved ourselves to be depended upon, so far as me being on the Dead presidant's body from washington, I was simply discharging my dut as a soldier, in obaying orders.

You will find on the small Book of poems which I sent to you on page 41, & 2. a Dialouge between Mr. Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, the doundation for which I am indebted to a petrotic soldier and statesman Mr. Benjman F. Butler, it is believed that the enterview was arranged by Alexander. Stevens, in the hope of averting war, the same stevens was afterwards the Vise presidant of the southern confordacy,

as to my service, it was mostly in the 8th, U.S. 8th, Infantry regt 'that Regt' was origanly organized by Genl' worthfor the mexicon war, and in may 1861. it was surrendered to the ribles General Twiggs at huston taxes first he as commander dissarmed the men so that they had nothing to defend themselves but they endured (22) months of prison rather than execpt the blandishments of rible inducments which they sporned, meantime the Government organized a new betalion for the regmant, F company was organized at new port Barricks K.Y and G, compny on Governor's island, my first service was with company F, I was wounded at the Battle of malvranhill on july the 1st, 1862, afterb becoming convalesent I was asigned to detached duty, and at the Battle of Gettysburg I had command of N.J. troopsnwhen the war closed I was sent to wilmington N.C. in charge of Quartermaster and commissary stores, I left the service on the 23rd of January 1867' yours A, R. Gunn

A R Gunn.

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ENTERS the picture another venerable Scotsman who was one of Grant's soldiers.

Colonel A. R. Gunn will be ninety on his next birthday and he saw four years of service in the Army of the Potomac.

The Colonel, whose home is in North Twenty-third street, had some interesting correspondence with both President McKinley and President Roosevelt.

He was one of the soldiers designated to act as a guard for the body of Lincoln on that gloomy journey from Washington to Springfield.

Colonel Gunn, among his other honors, is vice president of the McClellan Command U. S. Regular Veterans.

But, as his friend, James D. Law, once sang of this bold warrior from Banffshire:

"A living proof that Scots can thrive
And under Uncle Sam survive
Without the Scottish 'mountain dew'
Believed required by not a few."

GIRARD

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